

Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2026-2027

Staff

- The teacher for the first half of the week is Mrs Wallace
- The teacher for the second half of the week is Mrs Jones
- Mrs Grafke is the class TA

PE

- PE will be taught on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Where possible, one session will be taught outside and one session will be taught in the hall.
- Please ensure they have full PE kit, including pumps/trainers and that everything is NAMED.

Reading Books

- The children's reading books must be in school on a Thursday ready to be changed. New reading books will be given out on a Friday.
- The books the children bring home continue from where they got to in Reception – it must be read at least 4 times.
- Please sign the reading diary every time that you listen to them read.
- Children will read every day in phonics lessons. Reading is made up of words, sentences and short paragraphs on screen and in real books.
- They may be listened to individually as well – please ensure that their reading book and reading diary is in school every day.

Homework

- Phonics and Harder to Read and Spell words will be set on a Wednesday and collected in by the following Monday.
- Maths will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Wednesday.
- Homework will follow the learning that has taken place in class, however if your child requires support, it is fine to help them.
- Learning-Rich Activity Badges - we have a new set for Year 1 which children are welcome to complete at any time in the year.

Phonics Screen

- This is a government assessment that takes place in June 1:1 with a teacher. Children read 40 real and 'alien' words out loud to us.
- Through the phonic scheme that we use they are very well-prepared for this and will be used to regularly completing phonics reading with an adult of real and alien to see if they can use the phonemes accurately.

Belongings

- Please make sure all jumpers, cardigans, coats etc are NAMED.
- Book bags are put in drawers and should contain their reading folder.
- Children should have a NAMED water bottle with them every day.

Show and tell

- This will be on a Wednesday and will be to share achievements and work from home (not toys!).

If you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to catch us at the end of the school day. If this is not possible, please contact the office to arrange a meeting or phone call with us.

Mrs Wallace and Mrs Jones

Year 1 Autumn Term Vocabulary

Geography	Science
Houses - Terraced - Detached - Semi-detached - Bungalow - Flat	Materials - Plastic - Metal - Fabric - Wood - Glass - Rock
Compass Points – North, south east and west	Properties - Waterproof - Absorbent - Opaque - Transparent - Bendy
England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland	
Kenilworth - Town - Castle - Library	
London - London Eye - Tower bridge - Buckingham Palace - River Thames	